

PEEL'S RESIGNATION.

The Speaker of the British House of Commons About to Retire.

The approaching retirement from political life of Arthur Wellesley Peel, D. C. L., speaker of the British house of commons, is announced. The speaker was elected on the retirement of Sir Henry Brand in 1884, and has presided with skill and to the satisfaction of all parties ever since. He is the youngest son of the great Sir Robert Peel, and



HON. ARTHUR WELLESLEY PEEL was born in 1829. Educated at Eton, and at Balliol college, Oxford, he entered parliament in 1856 for Warwick, and has represented that borough since then. After the dissolution of 1886 he was proposed as speaker by Lord Randolph Churchill, and seconded by Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Peel is accounted the strongest speaker since the late Lord Eversley. He had a remarkable control over the house, and restored order in many of the turbulent debates of recent years. The salary of the speaker is twenty-five thousand dollars annually, with an official residence, and the post is considered one of high social as well as political distinction. Mr. Peel has been offered a peerage. It will be remembered that this honor was declined by his father, who also left the expression of his wish that neither his widow nor his heir should accept any such distinction.

Chinese Is Hard to Learn.

In the Chinese language the meaning depends more on the tone in which the word is spoken than on the word itself. The same word may have a dozen different meanings, according to the tone in which it is spoken. This fact not only makes it difficult for foreigners to learn Chinese, but retards Chinese progress by making it hard to keep an accurate and easily-translated record of thought. On such a record more than on any one thing progressive civilization depends.

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Johnny—O, I see. You and papa fight duels. But when grandmamma comes here, and Uncle Jim, then it is a battle.—Truth.

One Theory.

He—Great heavens! I've been talking to you for three hours. She—Oh! It seems only half that time.

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